

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

## PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MEAT EXTRACT

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION

This is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/016698, filed December 25, 2003, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-378828, filed December 27, 2002, both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on July 22, 2004 as WO 2004/060082 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).